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TAGS: BGEN, ELAB, PO

SUBJ: MANAGEMENT OF OTIS ELEVATOR LOCKED OUT OF PLANT

1. FRENCH-CITIZEN MANAGER OF FORTIS-OTIS ASCENSORES (WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF OTIS ELEVATOR) REPORTS THAT HE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING PLANT AS OF MAY 1. PICKETS IN FRONT OF PLANT. NO REPORTS OF VIOLENCE OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY. MANAGER UNDERSTANDS FROM WORKERS THEY TOOK ACTION UPON ADVICE OF TOP-LEVEL ASSISTANT OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LABOR IN LABOR MINISTRY. WORKERS STATE THEY HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO PROTECT FIRM AGAINST POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SABOTAGE.

2. MANAGER ATTEMPTING ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH HIGH-LEVEL LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS. HAS DRAFTED LETTER ADVISING GOP THAT OTIS INTERNATIONAL NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DEBTS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES AFTER APRIL 30.

3. COMMENT: OTIS HAS HAD CONTINUOUS LABOR PROBLEMS SINCE APRIL 25. FORMER U.S. MANAGER LEFT VOLUNTARILY WITHIN LAST MONTH UNDER THREAT OF PURGE. FIRM ALSO IN SERIOUS FINANCIAL STRAITS DUE TO SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKENED INTERNAL DEMAND FOR ELEVATORS. MANAGER ESTIMATED 1975 TOTAL PORTUGUESE DEMAND AT 500; NORMAL IS ABOUT 3,000. IN ADDITION, MANAGER STATES THAT

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DELAYS IN DELIVERY HAVE CAUSED REDUCED ORDERS FROM OTHER OTIS SUB-

SIDIARIES OVERSEAS FOR COMPONENTS MANUFACTURED BY OTIS
PORTUGUESA.

4. WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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